MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the third sentence of the answer to question 278 (*a*) and (*b*), at page 786 of the Council Proceedings dated 30th April last.

(*b*) and (*c*) The following acting men have been retained in preference to others who began to act in the office earlier, for the reasons stated.

Messrs.	
A. Thanu Pillai, B. A., Nayar. R. Ramakrishna Aiyar, B. A., Brahmin.	*Vide* answer to question No. 278 (*c*) and (*d*) at pages 786, and 787 of the Council Proceedings dated 30th April 1927.
G. Renga Aiyar, B. A., Brahmin.	Was appointed for comptometer work when a necessity arose; the others were not qualified therefor.
R. Govinda Pillai, B. A., Nayar.	Was promoted from the Stamp Manufactory, which is under the Finance Department.

The number of persons, by caste, relieved for any period while the aforesaid clerks were retained are—Brahmins (others) 2; Ezhavas 2; Nayars 4; Nadar 1.

(*d*) So far as regular training in comptometer work is concerned a selection was made from among a number of substantive and acting men in the office. The selecting of men for comptometer training was not made on the basis of seniority but of likely aptitude for the work. There was no selection for any other purpose since last year.

New Buildings in the Government Press premises.

98. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount already spent on the construction of the new building in the Government Press premises; and

(*b*) whether the work is being pushed through and, if not, why the Government stopped it?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer given to* question No. 99 (240) in the printed questions and answers, 2nd Session 1102—21st Karkatakam 1102, the amount there stated being modified to Rs. 30,296-25-6 up to end of Thulam 1103.

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*The question and answer were not included in the report of the Proceedings as the member was absent at question time. They are reproduced hereunder:—

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 27,164 to the end of Edavam 1102.

(*b*) The work is being pushed through and it is nearing completion.

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